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Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.115, please preliminarily amend the present application, which is the National Stage entry in the United States of PCT/DE2005/000145, as follows. This preliminary amendment is being filed after the filing of the above-identified application and before the receipt of a first Office Action under 37 C.F.R. §1.104.

Amendments to the English translation of the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the English translation of the claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 18 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 26 of this paper.